

BRARY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR 1945.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Burnham-on-Crouch Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1945, in the form prescribed by the Ministry of Health. The Report includes all the usual statistical tables, the main features of which are:-

Birth Rate. - Fell to almost half - 8.32. This is the lowest rate ever recorded. There does not appear to be any reason to account for this - the general birth rate of the County was 17.3.

Death Rate. - Almost the same as 1944 - 17.56.

Infectious diseases. - Still further drop - 5 cases in all. No cases of Tuberculosis notified.

The general health of the District continues to be very satisfactory and calls for no special comment.

It is with pleasure that I record my thanks to Mr. H. Snelling, Clerk to the Council, and to the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, for their very helpful co-operation throughout the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

L.H.B. LIGHT,

Medical Officer of Health.

Extracts from vital statistics of the year.

		Total.	Male.	Female.	
Live Births.	{ Legitimate ...	27	16	11	) Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated population = 8.32
	{ Illegitimate ..	0	0	0	
Stillbirths. ...	...	1	1	0	) Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births = 8.63
Deaths. ...	...	56	26	30	) Crude Death Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population = 17.56

Death from puerperal causes:-

From Puerperal Sepsis ...	...	...	...	0
Other Puerperal Causes...	...	...	...	0
Total	...	...	...	0

Number of Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age ... 3  
Males 1 (illegitimate 0) Females 2 (illegitimate 0)  
Total

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age, per 1000	live births.	111
Death from Cancer (all ages) ... ..		9
" " Measles (all ages) ... ..		0
" " Whooping Cough ... ..		0
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...		0

The following is a tabular statement of the deaths classified according to ages:-

Age.					Number of Deaths.
Under 1 year	...	...	...	.....	3
1 and under 2	..	...	...	...	0
2 " "	5	..	...	...	0
5 " "	15	..	...	...	0
15 " "	25	..	...	...	1
25 " "	35	..	...	...	0
35 " "	45	..	...	...	1
45 " "	55	..	...	...	2
55 " "	65	..	...	...	9
65 " "	75	..	...	...	17
75 and over	..	...	...	...	23
					<u>56</u>

#### TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death.	Males. Females. Total.		
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System.	0	2	2
Other Tubercular Diseases.	1	0	1
Cancer, Malignant Disease.	5	4	9
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	2	7	9
Heart Disease.	12	6	18
Nephrosis.	1	0	1
Pneumonia (all forms).	2	1	3
Other Respiratory Diseases.	0	2	2
Congenital Debility, Malformation and Premature Births.	0	2	2
Senility.	2	5	7
Suicide.	1	0	1
Other defined Diseases.	0	1	1
	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>56</u>

#### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING 1945.

	Smallpox.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Enteric Fever.	Puerperal Pyrexia.
Number of Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified.	0	0	0	0	0
	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Jaundice.		
	1	2	2		

Tuberculosis - During the year there were three deaths due to Tuberculosis.

#### New cases and Mortality during 1945.

New cases.				Deaths.			
Pulmonary.		Non-pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-pulmonary.	
Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0

## Sanitary Inspection.

### Housing.

As in the previous years of the War no improvement work was carried out to existing houses, and only two Notices were served under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, requiring essential repairs. These two houses were No. 32 Chapel Road and No. 56, High Street.

### Water Supply.

16 Samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination, the results being as follows:-

13 samples were reported as satisfactory by the County Public Health Laboratories.

2 B. Coli present in small number.

1 Not of a high standard of bacterial purity.

### Rat Destruction.

Constant attention was paid to the destruction of rats, and a general inspection of the District was made for infestation.

